

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently Amended)** An oxidation catalyst composition obtained, as a homogeneous solution or a suspension, by reacting aqueous hydrogen peroxide with at least one member selected from the group consisting of

- (a) a tungsten metal compound of tungsten and  
an element of Group IIIb, IVb or VIb excluding oxygen, and
  - (b) a molybdenum metal compound of  
molybdenum and  
an element of Group IIIb, IVb or VIb excluding oxygen,
- provided that said tungsten metal compound is not tungsten carbide.

2. **(Currently Amended)** An oxidation catalyst composition comprising  
(i) a composition obtained, as a homogeneous solution or a suspension, by reacting aqueous hydrogen peroxide with at least one member selected from the group consisting of

- (a) a tungsten metal compound of tungsten and  
an element of Group IIIb, IVb or VIb excluding oxygen,
  - (b) a molybdenum metal compound of molybdenum and an element of Group IIIb,  
IVb or VIb excluding oxygen,
  - (c) tungsten and
  - (d) molybdenum, and
- (ii) an organic solvent.

3. (Previously Presented) The oxidation catalyst composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the metal compound is tungsten boride, tungsten disulfide, tungsten sulfide or molybdenum boride.

4. (Previously Presented) The oxidation catalyst composition according to claim 2, wherein the organic solvent is t-butanol or methyl t-butyl ether.

5. (Previously Presented) The oxidation catalyst composition according to claim 4, which is dehydrated.

6. (Previously Presented) The oxidation catalyst composition according to claim 5, wherein dehydrating is conducted by using anhydrous magnesium sulfate.

7. **(Currently Amended)** The oxidation catalyst composition according to claim 1, wherein the at least one member is a member selected from the group consisting of tungsten boride, tungsten silicide, tungsten disulfide, tungsten sulfide, molybdenum boride, molybdenum carbide, molybdenum silicide and molybdenum sulfide.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The oxidation catalyst composition according to claim 2, wherein the at least one member is a member selected from the group consisting of tungsten, molybdenum, tungsten boride, tungsten carbide, tungsten silicide, tungsten disulfide, tungsten sulfide, molybdenum boride, molybdenum carbide, molybdenum silicide and molybdenum sulfide.